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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975..

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masako KIMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/076,124

Filed May 12, 1998

COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING
DIFLUPREDNATE



Docket No. 00279/20606

Group Art Unit 1614

Examiner Z. Fay

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 12, 1999, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A difluprednate emulsion comprising difluprednate, oil comprising a fatty acid ester of glycerol, water and an emulsifier.

Claim 5, cancel without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Claim 6, line 1, change "5" to --1--.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendment, the claims will be 1 to 4 and 6 to 18.